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2. According to official records, the VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg employed 1,159 men at the field on 30 September.

3. Between 18 and 30 October, concreting work had progressed well on connecting lane A/B, Object No 103, on the branch lanes to the dispersal areas and on the dispersal areas themselves. The construction staff urged that work be completed by 20 November. A bonus of 20,000 eastmarks was allegedly promised which was to be distributed among the workers involved in the work. If the target date was not met, the bonus would be reduced by 1,000 eastmarks for each day of delay. It was doubtful if the target date could be kept. 2

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work on fuel dump II was to start soon. The dump was to be constructed as a surface installation like fuel dump I. A pipe line was to be laid between the two fuel dumps. No information was received nor were any observations made indicating the establishment of a third fuel dump. 3

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5. The personnel of the construction staff remained unchanged up to late October. Of the work force at the field, 5 carpenters were transferred to Querfurt and 6 carpenters to Eggesin depending on the place of residence of the individual workers. After the transfer, a total of 34 carpenters remained on the construction site. It was learned that grain silos, 1 cold storage house and other civilian installations within the next 3 years were to be built near Eggesin.

6. The construction staff accelerated work at Vietmannsdorf airfield. Work was also done on Sunday 24 October. It was expected that a portion of the workers would be dismissed during the frost period. The construction staff, however, repeatedly stated that there would be enough work for all laborers during frost weather.

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8. The graded areas along the runway and taxiway were covered with humus and subsequently strewn with lime. An area about 100 meters wide was graded north of the runway. Pieces of wood were still observed between the runway and taxiway, particularly in the western section of the field and at the eastern end.

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2. Comment. Work on connecting lane A/B, Project No. 103, is being pushed ahead of all other work at the field. The information that the two western dispersal areas are to be completed in 1954 is received for the first time.

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